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REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the outstanding Office Action dated March 8, 2006. Reconsideration and allowance of the application in view of the amendments made above and remarks to follow is respectfully requested.

In response to the Restriction and Election Requirement, Applicants elect to prosecute claims 1-9 and 21-27, drawn to a battery can, and therefore cancel, without prejudice, claims 10-20 and 28-36. In addition, Applicants elect to prosecute the species set forth in claims 1-9 and therefore withdraw, without prejudice, claims 21-27. If permitted, Applicants respectfully reserve their right to add back the subject matter of claims 21-27, as well as to file one or more divisional applications directed to the method claims. Furthermore, Applicants have added new independent claim 37 which Applicants respectfully submit is a generic claim, and requests consideration thereof.

Based on the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-9 and 37 are in condition for examination, and notice to this effect is respectfully requested.

However, if any questions remain, or it is deemed that the foregoing does not fully comply with the requirements set forth in the Office Action, it is respectfully requested that the undersigned be contacted by telephone so that any issues can be resolved prior to the issuance of a subsequent office action.

Respectfully Submitted,



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